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Fall Planting Guide - 1954

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### NEW EARLY BLOOMING

### FLAMING YOUTH

The improved Red Emperor Tulip. We found Flaming Youth is much hardier and longer lasting than Red Emperor. The first large red Tulip each spring, with shiny broad leaves and immense flowers, it deserves the title page of our catalog.

85c per 3 \$2.75 per doz. \$21.00 per 100

NELIS NURSERIES
Incorporated
Holland · Michigan



# Greetings from the City of Julips

The 1954 Festival dates for "Tulip Time" are set for May 12th to 15th.

Our Tulips bloom during the month of May. If you wish to see the largest number of Tulips in bloom, please be guided by your local weather conditions; depending on whether the season is late or early. If in doubt, we shall be glad to advise you, if you write to us requesting this information.

HARRY NELIS General Manager



This mixture contains over 300 different varieties, in planting 100 bulbs, you will hardly find 2 flowers alike. Do not confuse this with any cheap bargain offers you read about today, those offers fail to give satisfaction because of the small size bulbs supplied. NELIS BLOOMING SIZE RAINBOW COLLECTIONS ARE GUAR-ANTEED TO BLOOM 100% THE FIRST SEASON

### Available in Two Sizes

### BLOOMING SIZE: TOP SIZE: 33/4 inches in circumference, or 11/8 to 11/4 inches in Averaging 4 to 5 inches in circumference or 11/4 to 11/2 inches in diameter. This assortment is our own 50 bulbs for .....\$ 3.25 mixture and consists of some of all the varieties we grow. 100 bulbs for 5.90 25 bulbs for 250 bulbs for 1000 bulbs for ..... 55.00 250 bulbs for 1000 bulbs for

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# NELIS NURSERIES, Inc.

Bulb Growers Nurserymen Importers

Specializing in Tulip Bulbs

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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25 years ago the first "Tulip Time" in Holland, Michigan, was held. The Nelis Nurseries played an imortant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips 25 years ago the tirst "Tulip Time" in Holland, Michigan, was held. The Nells Nurseries played an important part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands out portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands out portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips portant part during that first celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of the property of the only Nursery at that time where thousands of the property of the only Nursery at that time where thousands of the only Nursery at that time where thousands of the only Nursery at that time where thousands of the only Nursery at the only portant part during that tirst celebration, it was the only Nursery at that time where thousands of Tulips in full bloom could be viewed. And now, after 25 years we again extend our hand the finest collection of Tulips: probably the finest collection of Tulips: probably the finest collection and view the ever increasing and ever changing collection of Tulips: In tull bloom could be viewed. And now, after 25 years we again extend our hand to welcome our visitors and view the ever increasing and ever changing collection of Tulips; probably the best of all these tion in the country, where hundreds of varieties have been tested and tried. Only the best of all these tion in the country, where hundreds of varieties have been tested and tried. Dear Customer:

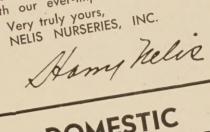
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EVERGREENS

FLOWERING

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These Amaryllis can be offered in mixed colors only, for the Giant Dutch Amaryllis, labeled to color, please consult our listing on the back of the order blank.

Amaryllis are available from October 15th to spring and are delightful for indoor blooming during the winter months when the lack of color and flowers is felt most.

Mixed Domestic Amaryllis Size 23/4 to 3 Inches in Diameter \$7.50 per doz. Small Bulbs: 2 to 21/4 Inches Diameter

6 for \$1.50



# GUARANTEE

Except where clearly stated otherwise in this catalog, we unconditionally guarantee every bulb we ship out to be strictly top size, and to be absolutely true to name. All bulbs shipped by us will grow and bloom under ordinary conditions. We have, however, no control over unfavorable weather or soil conditions, improper planting, neglect, moles or mice, and therefore cannot assume responsibility after they reach you. Stock not reaching you in first class condition should be reported within 10 days after receipt, and will be replaced free of charge if so received. After ten days it is mutually agreed that stock is satisfactory. Do not return bulbs or plants unless so instructed by us.

ORDERS FILLED AS RECEIVED

# LATEST NOVELTY and

We cannot picture each one of these 15 beauties. Please read the descriptions given below. Each year our Tulip display fields show the latest and newest winners and we select the top favorites for our catalog listing. These two pages make the very best varieties available to you, many of these will probably not be handled by the average seedsman or grower for another decade. Doz. Per 3 BLACK GIRL. 28 in. The darkest of the "Black Tulips".
Medium size flowers on strong stems. Especially lovely in plantings with light Tulips for contrast ........\$0.55 \$1.90 \$11.00 \*BLUE PRINCESS. 26 in. Beautiful lavender blend, light blue at the base. Strong, showy novelty ..... 3.00 EDNA BELSINGER. 26 in. Named by Nelis Nurseries in 1952 in honor of one of the outstanding gardeners in Atlanta, Georgia. The color is a lovely blend of peach, orange and touches of chartreuse yellow. The huge, perfectly shaped flower is borne 3.50 .... on a straight, proud stem ... 1.05 ELIZABETH ARDEN. 26 in. An immense flower of dark salmon with rosy lavender overtone. The petals are vivid salmon red inside. An outstanding novelty ..... 1.10 3.65 ..... HAPPY DAYS. 30 in. A striking new discovery. A lovely white flower with a broad margin of rosy red ..... 3.00 .... KLONDYKE. 28 in. Most beau-

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		Nu	mber	of	bulbs	req	uired to plan	t circular be	ds.
Di	ameter	of	Bed				4 in. apart	6 in. apart	8 in. apart
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4	feet						120	48	37
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0	reet						260	120	78
7	feet						400	160	96
8	feet						460	210	127
9							630	260	156
10								325	190
	feet						900	390	240
2	6						900	390	240

For an oval bed, add length and breadth and divide by 2. For example, a 10x6-ft. oval bed requires as many plants as a round bed 8 ft. in diameter.



tiful golden yellow, the shade of Buttercups, with yellow stamens, giving an over-all glowing effect. Enormous flowers



# PRIZE-WINNING TULIPS



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1 each	(labeled)	15 bulbs		 			 		. 5	4.50
		45 bulbs								
6 each	(labeled)	90 bulbs		 	 		 			20.00
12 each	(labeled)	180 bulbs		 	 	٠		۰		37.50



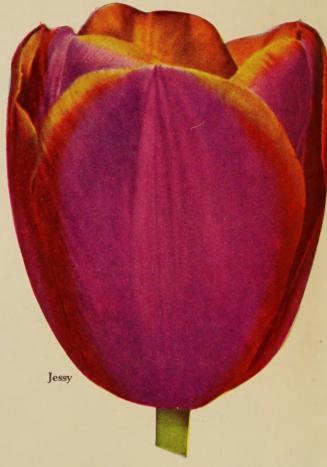
MAGICIAN, 30 in. White, with a pur-	Per 3	Doz.	100
ple edge. It has no equal in color and performance	\$0.65	\$2.00	\$13.75
MARIE NICHOLSON. 29 in, Outstanding rosy red with a glossy sheen. A Tulip of fine shape and great strength. Named for the first president of the American Tulip Society. A Nelis introduction	.60	1.80	12.00
MASKARADE. 29 in. Deep yellow, edged red. Another award winner, as most of the varieties listed in this group	.60	1.85	12.50
MOUNT HOOD. 29 in. The largest and most spectacular pure white Tulip in the late flowering varieties	.65	1.85	- 12.50
POGGENBEEK. 30 in. Unique novel- ty. Cherry-red, edged Turkish red. Winner of Award of Merit and First Class Certificate. A striking beauty.	.80	2.40	17.00
QUEEN OF THE BARTIGONS. 28 in. Pure salmon pink with yellow stamens. Winner of many awards	1.00	3.20	
ROSY WINGS. 29 in. Radiant, pure apricot pink, white base. A new introduction of last year, which was received with great enthusiasm by Tu-			
lip Time visitors. Huge flower	.90	2.75	
sweet Harmony. 26 in. Oblong shaped flowers of clear lemon-yellow with an ivory-white border. A very unusual and pleasing novelty	1.00	3.25	
ZOMERSCHOON. 20 in. Soft, salmon pink flames on a silvery background. An unusually lovely variety.	.80	2.60	18.00



# . NElis Giant

The constant interbreeding of Darwin, Cottage and Breeder Tulips has made the classification of each variety so confusing that we are listing them all in one category, called May-flowering. Since the modern Giant May-flowering Tulips contain the blood of all the three preceding crosses in unknown proportions, it seems scientifically meaningless to use the old classifications.

The term May-flowering is based on our Michigan climate, in southern locations the blooming time will be earlier. In our 1954 listing we eliminated varieties which we consider to be surpassed by later introductions.



ARISTOCRAT. 32 in. Carminer rose with lighter edge. A tall giant among Tulips, unsurpassed in strength and beauty \$0.60	204.	100 \$12.50
AVALANCHE. 28 in. Best late pure white with white stamens. Large, strong flowers of cup shape on erect stems	1.65	
BACCHUS. 32 in. Dark plum color, large egg-shaped flower. Beautiful garden variety with no superior55	1.65	11.00
BELLE JAUNE. 27 in. The finest and strongest dark yellow Tulip without a question. Large egg-shaped blossoms of enormous size and perfect form	1.60	10.00
BLACK EAGLE. 29 in. Intense deep purple, almost black. Cup- shaped flower of great size, blue base and black anthers. This va- riety already produces flowers		
from small size bulbs	1.70	11.00



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ALLBRIGHT. 24 in. Intense scarlet, in improved Bartigon variety. Ideal for outdoor planting and forcing ......

AMERICAN FLAG. 26 in. Dark red with broad white lines and blue base .......

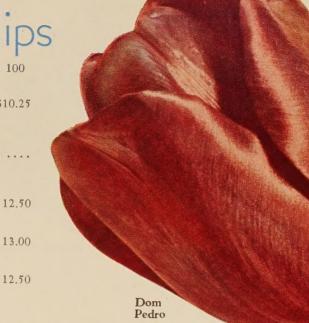
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	Per 3 BLEU AIMABLE. 26 in. Blue purple chang	Doz.	100	
	ing to carmine blue as the flower ages.  A very handsome Tulip\$0.50	\$1.50	\$10.25	
	CAROLINE TESTOUT. 30 in. One of the finest light pink Tulips of perfect shape. White base, medium size flowers with ex-			
	ceptional lasting qualities80	2.40		
	CHARLES NEEDHAM. 27 in. Brilliant vivid red, a magnificent variety which will			

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	Southern Cross

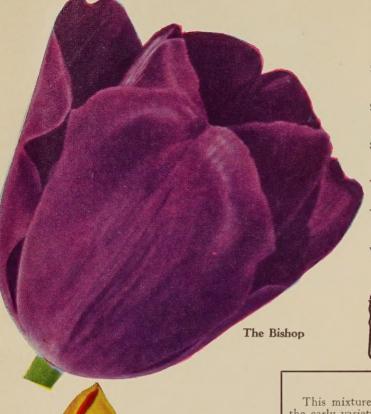
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Per	Doz.	100
FAUST. 30 in. Dark satiny purple		
with white base. Enormous flower		
of fine form, quite the best in this		
color. Highly recommended\$0.55	\$1.55	\$10.50
GEORGE DICKS. 30 in. Enormous		
salmon-pink. A glorified Clara		
Butt Tulip	1.75	12.00
GEISHA. 28 in. Dove color, inside		
purple. A hard-to-describe color.		
The outside is pale violet to buff		
changing to a grayish lilac. Very		
attractive pastel	1.65	11.00
GLACIER. 27 in. Sometimes called		
Wildlust this flower is a perfect		
ivory white giving an almost trans-		
	1.75	12.00
GOLDEN BRONZE. 26 in. This		
lovely Tulip is the exact color its		
name implies. Bulbs produce from		
3 to 6 flowers per plant. Medium		
size flowers	1.55	10.00

Per 3	Doz.	100
CROWNING GLORY. 24 in. Golden yellow with a clearly defined edge of scarletred. A very striking beauty\$0.50	\$1.55	\$10.00
<b>DILLENBERG.</b> 28 in. Glorious salmonorange with large, showy well formed flowers. A rather late bloomer	1.50	9.50
DOM PEDRO. 27 in. Beautiful shade of coffee-brown shaded maroon. Unique color. Fragrant. Late bloomer60	1.80	12,50
DORRIE OVERALL. 34 in. The outside of the flower is deep petunia purple with lighter edge, the inside tinted light blue. Largest and tallest of this color and		
type	1.75	12.00
ECLIPSE. 28 in. Most perfect crimson color Tulip in existence today. Glorious		
color, perfect shape and form60	1.80	12.00





	ULIPS Per 3		inued 100	
MARSHALL HAIG. 27 in. Large bronze-red flowers edged crimson.				
As the flower ages it becomes brilliant crimson with a bright				
interior and golden yellow base.				
Finest scarlet in this price class	\$0.60	\$1.80	\$12.00	
MAZEPPA. 28 in. Brilliant ger- anium-scarlet. Long oblong flow-				
ers. Tips of petals slightly re- flexed. Exceptional color appeal				
and perfect form	.60	1.80	12.00	
MONTGOMERY. 26 in. White with clearly marked red edge.				
A new very striking variety which				
we are sure you will like  MOUNT EREBUS. 29 in. Spec-	.55	1.55	10.50	
tacular pure white with white				
stamens, Highly recommended	.60	1.80	12.00	
MRS. J. T. SCHEEPERS. 24 in. One of the largest bright yellow				
Tulips, with a long oval flower which holds its shape to the end	.60	1.80	12.00	
NARDI. 27 in. Immense flowers of			,	Margeaux
American Beauty red. Another lovely addition to the Giant				
flowering Tulips. In its early stages its characteristic is a dis-				
arming rosebud shape	.55	1.55	10.50	
NEW ORLEANS. 28 in. Intense claret-crimson with blue base.				
Strong, vivid color	.55	1.55	10.50	
NIPHETOS. 27 in. Soft sulphuryellow, inside primulayellow				
anthers. A gorgeous variety and it	(0	1.00	12.00	
keeps excellentlyORANGE BURCHT. Maroon at	.60	1.80	12.00	
the tips, flows into maroon and				
golden yellow at the base. Large flowers which keep well. A warm			4	
and glowing colorORANGE GLOW. 32 in. Magnific	.70	2,20	15.50	
cent golden yellow overlaid with				
orange and buff. Wiry, tall stems. The finest light orange Tulip.	.60	1.80	12.00	
PRICELESS. 26 in. Tall white,				
edged vivid red. Petals slightly pointed. A great improvement				
over the old variety Picotee  PRIDE OF ZWANENBURG. 28	.65	2.00	13.75	
in. A beautiful salmon-rose with				
a narrow edge of blush-rose. This is the tall salmon-pink bloom for				
which every connoisseur has been looking for years	.55	1.80	11.75	
PRINCESS ELIZABETH MAX.	.//	1,00	11,//	Mount Erebus
28 in. Clear, deep pink changing to rose pink. Lovely well shaped				
flower. A taller and larger im-				
provement over the old variety Princess Elizabeth	.50	1.45	9.50	Montgomery
QUEEN OF THE NIGHT. 28 in. Deep velvety maroon, nearly				
black. Tall straight stem, showy	.50	1.45	9.50	Marile Control of the
RIVIERA. 30 in. Soft lilac, large cup-shapd flower. A very desir-				
able variety, always greatly ad-	55	1.60	11.00	The state of the s
mired by our Tulip Time visitors. SCARLET BEAUTY. 28 in. Beau-	.55	1.60	11.00	
tiful fiery red-scarlet without any markings. One of the best reds				
for outside plantings. Tall,				
straight stem with long lasting qualities of flowers	.60	1.80	12.00	



NELIS MAY-FLOWERING TULIPS,	Con	tinued	
SMILING OUEEN, 32 in, Clear rose-pink with ex-	Per 3	Doz.	100
ceptionally long flowers and beautiful foliage. Con- sidered a perfect American variety in which size, sturdiness and perfection are important	\$0.60	\$1.90	\$13.00
SONATE. 29 in. Blending of orange red softening to golden yellow at the edge, which made it a spectacular success at our display fields. Long lasting, it will bloom when all other varieties have faded			
SOUTHERN CROSS. 31 in. Delightful blend of sulphuryellow changing to golden yellow, flushed warm apricot, inside golden yellow. Fine exhibition variety of	.00	1.80	12.00
unusual attraction. Late blooming	.55	1.55	10.50
existence today. A strong, tall flower which never fails to make a show	.60	1.80	12.00
ground, resembling a flaming torch. This globular flower with its unusual color combination is truly interesting and of striking beauty	.55	1.55	10.50
WHITE GIANT. 30 in. A lovely white Darwin Tulip of correct Darwin shape with a strong, straight, tall stem. Without a question one of the best white Tulips.	50	1 50	9.50

SUPER GIANT TULIP DARDANELLE
30 inches tall. This giant scarlet-red Tulip of immense size, great
strength of stem and with enormous blossoms always attracts the most
attention at our annual Tulip display. Not illustrated.

3 for \$1.45; per doz., \$4.75

### **DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS**

This mixture of double Tulips, of beautiful blossoms, and they are earthe early varieties, averages in height 10-12 inches. These early doubles produce very large flowers and full,

The Torch

lier than the varieties listed on pages 16 and 17. Our mixture consists of a complete range of colors.

Per doz., \$1.65; 25 for \$3.00; per 100, \$11.00

### New Fringed Julips

The edges of these Tulips are finely lacerated and feathered. These Tulips do not belong to the Parrot class, as they retain their regular Tulip shape. A very attractive, but little known type.

	Doz.	100
FRINGED LILAC. 26 in. A blending of lavender shades \$0.75	\$2.35	\$16.50
SOTHIS. 26 in. Vivid red, an outstanding variety	1 55	10.50
SUNDEW. 25 in. Cardinal red	1.70	9.70

### COLLECTION OF FRINGED TULIPS

3	each	of	3	varieties	listed	above	(9	bulbs,	labeled)	 \$1.65
6	each	of	3	varieties	listed	above	(18	bulbs,	labeled)	 2.95
12	each	of	3	varieties	listed	above	(36	bulbs,	labeled)	 5.30



### Mixed Rembrandt Julips

Rembrandt Tulips are striped and feathered Darwin Tulips with stripes or flakes of white, lavender, red, yellow or other hues as their colors. They blend in perfect harmony at all times. They are especially nice when used for cut flowers. The mixture we supply is our own and we are proud to offer it. Contains all colors, all striped, and is offered in mixture only.

25 for \$3.25 Per doz. \$1.75

\$12.00 per 100

# Nelis Most Popular Collection "A Ten Color Collection"



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# beds ROLAND. 24 in. Beautiful egg-shaped flowers of lovely bright scarlet edged ivory. Majestically carried on tall and strong stems SUNDRINGHAM. 24 in. The center of the petals is creamy white, bordered with a lovely cherry-rose. One of our finest Triumphs TORRENS. 26 in. An exceptionally large scarlet-red show Tulip, very strong plant. Another example of good breeding by present day hybridizers. URSA MINOR. 22 in. Deep golden yellow, an exceptional bedding variety. The finest golden yellow in this class. Highly recommended

9.50

11.75

12.50

1.80

1.85



# New and Splendid TRIUMPH TULIPS

Giant Flowers of Majestic Splendor

This new race, which blooms about 8 days earlier than the Darwin type, is becoming better known every year, and during our annual Tulip Show more and more people are becoming interested in it. The average height is shorter than the Darwins, but these Tulips are of extremely sturdy growth and therefore are excellent for bedding purposes. The varieties we are listing are among the latest.

Per 3 Doz. 100

	Per 3	Doz.	100
ALBERIO. 24 in. Warm shade of deep wine-red with			
a narrow edge of flesh pink. Very large and sturdy.\$	0.50	\$1.50	\$10.00
BANDOENG. 16 in. Mahogany-red with a nar- row dark yellow border. Very attractive, especially			
effective if planted against a green background	.50	1.50	10.00
EDITH EDDY. 18 in. Beautiful carmine-red, edged	.,,	2.70	10.00
white. Fine shape and form, excellent for bedding.	.50	1.50	10.00
ELMUS. 24 in. Cherry red with a narrow creamy			
white edge around the petals. Extra large flower.  A great European favorite	.60	1.80	12.00
GLADSTONE. 26 in. Extra large flower of lovely	.00	1.00	12.00
reddish purple. Makes an unforgettable showing			
if planted with a clear yellow like Ursa Minor			
for instance	.65	1.95	13.75
GREAT CITY. 24 in. Fine new red Tulip with a	.65	1.05	13.75
JACOBI. 18 in. Dark red, of exceptionally uniform	.07	1.95	13./7
size and color. Ideal flower for showy beds and			
outdoor planting. Always a best-seller at Tulip			
Time when it is seen in bloom in our field	.70	2.15	15.00
JOHANNA. 22 in. Light salmon rose, inside shad			
ing to vermilion with canary-yellow base. Large flower poised on a tall stem. Highly recommend-			
ed	.55	1.55	10.50
KANSAS. 22 in. Snow-white with lemon-yellow			
base and yellow stamens, growing to a medium			
height. This is one of the best whites for out-	.45	1.45	9.50
PANDION. 24 in. Large flower of clear lavender	. 7)	1.77	7,70
which blends to a pale lavender at the edges. A			
flower which for the past years attracted very much			
attention during our Tulip Festival and is now	0.5	2.60	10.00
available for listing in this catalog	.85	2.60	18.00
garnet-red with yellow edge. Large, strong flower			
which lasts a long time. Highly recommended	.60	1.80	11.75

### GIANT TRIUMPH TULIP COLLECTION

ALBERIO. Wine, pink edge.
BANDOENG, Mahogany.
JOHANNA. Salmon.

3 each of 6 varieties ( 18 bulbs, labeled) ...\$ 2.95
6 each of 6 varieties ( 72 bulbs, labeled) ...\$ 5.00
12 each of 6 varieties ( 72 bulbs, labeled) ...\$ 8.90
25 each of 6 varieties ( 150 bulbs, labeled) ...\$ 16.00









Chrysantha



Saxatilis

Botanical Julips

For permanent planting. Once planted they need no further care. These wild Tulips come in lovely odd shapes, many with reflexed petals and curiously twisted and reflexed foliage. They belong in the rock garden where they thrive and increase if left in the ground from year to year. Plant them in groups of 6 or 12 bulbs among the rocks in fairly well drained pockets. We have eliminated all varieties of inferior and poor blooming qualities and list only those varieties which have given satisfaction under American growing conditions.

CILIOIIS.	Dan 2	Doz.	100
CHRYSANTHA. 8 in. The smallest species in existence, a real novelty. Color rich yellow	rei j	D04.	100
with rose exterior		\$1.15	\$ 8.00
deep blue base. This variety has been off the market for some years and we are pleased to be able to offer it again	• • • •	1.75	12.50
effect which is not seen in any other Tulips. Held upright on a tall stiff stem, it is a most interesting species and has a long blooming season  DASYSTEMON. 6 in. Incredibly lovely flowers of canary-yellow, petals tipped pure white. The flowers open flat and look like fallen	.60	1.95	13.00
stars. Especially effective when planted as a border in front of the bright red early Kaufmanniana Tulips. Glossy green foliage. Excellent showy species  EICHLERI. 10 in. Crimson-scarlet, shaded orange with glittering black center marked with gold. Very large flower. This variety will outshine a great many of our cultivated	.65	2.15	15.00
Tulips. Native of Turkestan. Highly recom- mended.  KAUFMANNIANA, THE FIRST. 7 in. An- other new form, color rose to white, base yel-	.45	1.40	9.50
low. Outside carmine-red edged white. Large and earliest of the Botanical varieties MARJOLETTI. 14 in. Soft primrose with a carmine-red border. The flower held on	.90	3.00	• • • •
strong, straight stem. Native of Savoy, blooms the second week in May PRAESTANS, FUSILIER. 8 in. Largest of the Praestans type. Flowers bright vermilion-	.45	1.50	10.00
red, producing 4 to 5 flowers per plant at one time  SAXATILIS. 14 in. Very rare, bearing often 2 lilac flowers with yellow center on each	1.30	4.35	
stem. It appears very early, therefore we suggest you plant it in a sheltered spot	.50	1.85	12.50

### BOTANICAL TULIP COLLECTION

	Cornuta Stenopetala Marjoletti Eichleri Saxatilis									
12	each	of	4	varieties varieties varieties	Ì	48	bulbs,		1	3.50 6.50 1.50



Eichleri

Kaufmanniana







# New Graceful LILY-FLOWERING TULIPS

We have been able to add many new and outstanding varieties to our list of Lily-flowering Tulips, which, in our opinion are the most graceful of all Tulip species. Many of these novelties are not yet offered in any retail catalog. The supply is still short, but for beauty we recommend them highly and know you will like them too.

These Tulips greatly resemble colored Lilies and have a most beautiful and unusual effect both in the garden and for cut-flower arrangements.

ALASKA. 24 inches. Exquisite long, pure yel-	Doz.	100
low flower, reflexed petals. Prize winner\$0.50	\$1.50	\$10.00
CAPT. FRYATT. 24 inches. Dark wine red with a purplish blue center. The only Tulip in this color in the Lily-flowered family. Highly recommended	2.40	17.00
STANISLAUS. 18 inches. Bright, glittering	2.40	17.00
orange flowers. A real beauty	1.60	10.50
WHITE CROSS. 20 inches. Pure white, of sturdy growth. The outer petals have a greenish tinge before the flower is fully open, and are much		
recurved, very lovely	1.70	10.80

THE MOST OUTSTANDING LATEST NOVELTIES IN LILY-FLOWERING TULIPS

ALADDIN. 26 inches. Dark maroon red with narrow white	Doz.	100
border\$1.60	\$5.25	
BOHEMIAN GIRL, 23 inches. A very pleasing layender and		
a new color in the Lily-type Tulips	3.00	
DON JOSE. 27 inches. Brilliant scarlet-red with pronounced		
yellow base and yellow stamens. One of the tallest and		
largest of all Lily-Tulips	2.60	

	Per 3	Doz.	100
GAY HUSSAR. 24 inches. A lovely sal-			
mon, petals bear a darker stripe. A bright and pleasing novelty		\$2.30	
LILAC TIME. 27 inches. A deep and			
strong purple. Inside white base with yellow pistils. The first deep purple Lily-			
Tulip. Try it—very unusual and lovely	.95	3.15	
MARIETTE. 27 inches. Deep rose, inside			
salmon. One of the largest Lily-Tulips in existence today. This variety has re-			
ceived all the awards a flower can pos-			
sibly receive	.75	2.50	
MAYTIME. 24 inches. Bluish purple edged with a narrow white border.			
Very lovely	.85	2.75	
MODAIN. 24 inches. Vivid orange red			
with narrow edge of orange-yellow. Ex- tra large flower		3.65	
OLD GLORY. 24 inches. Clear, glossy			
scarlet-red with golden yellow base PAINTED LADY, 24 inches. Golden yel-	1.00	3.25	
low with narrow red edge. Another very			
elegant flower	75	2.20	
ROYAL BABY. 28 inches. Tall cream with a broad edge of rosy red. A most			
pleasing color combination		3.25	
YELLOW MARVEL. 26 inches. Strong			
plant with deep golden yellow blooms.  Base deep yellow and golden stamens		2.00	
base deep yellow and golden stalliens	.07	2.00	

Mariette
In reality
the flower

is more salmon than illustrated

	LILY-FLOWERED	TULIP COLLECTION
	ALASKA. Yellow.	STANISLAUS. Bright orange.
	CAPT, FRYATT, Dark wine-red.	WHITE CROSS. Pure white,
3	each of 4 varieties (12 bulbs	, labeled)\$ 2.40
6	each of 4 varieties ( 24 bulbs	, labeled) 4.00
12	each of 4 varieties (48 bulbs	, labeled) 7.00
25	each of 4 varieties (100 bulbs	, labeled) 12.50





.65 2.00 14.00

3.25 23.00

15.00

.70 2.25

Late Flowering 2

	Doz.	100
ALLEGRO. 22 in. American Beauty red with a distinct white edge. This new variety is extremely full and double	\$2.00	\$14.00
AVONDZON. (Setting Sun). 20 in. Delicate soft orange, changing to salmon with gold at edges. Inside deep orange, resembling the setting sun	2.00	14.00
ARTHUR GODFREY, New double red. 18 in. This vivid red Novelty Tulip, grown exclusively by Nelis Nurseries, Inc., was dedicated and presented to Arthur Godfrey on his May Tulip Time TV Show in 1952. The supply is still short, and this variety cannot be bought anywhere else. Therefore we must limit the sales	3.00	
BLUE FLAG. 22 in. Lovely lavender-blue flower carried on a strong, sturdy stem. Although an old variety it is much admired each year by our Tulip Time visitors. Extermely large and attractive flowers 1.10	3.50	
And the state of t		

Mt. Tacoma

### MIXED LATE DOUBLE **TULIPS**

Offered For The First Time To prolong the blooming period of Double Tulips, which we also offer in the Double Early mixed, on page 10, we are listing this new, complete mixture of Late Doubles, containing all late varieties listed on these two pages, plus many others. The Double Tulips, with their strik-ing Peony-like fullness always make a gay splash of color in your spring garden.
The effect is always
splendid, whether planted in beds, small

groups, or borders. Per doz. \$1.95; Per 100 \$13.00



DOUBLE FANTASY. 22 in. A sport of Parrot Fantasy. Beautiful rosy pink with white and green veins, very double, rufiled and a truly outstanding beauty

# Double Giant Julips



OZON. 20 in. A radiant cardinal red, with an edge of orange yellow around each petal, the bases of which are golden yellow. Very	er 3	Doz.	100
showy and strong grower\$	0.75	\$2.20	\$15.50
ROCKET. 20 in. Soft clear red. A new double of great appeal	.80	2.60	18.00
SYMPHONIA. 26 in. Gorgeous, tall, Peony- like bloom of brilliant American-Beauty-red with a sweet scented fragrance. A variety which you will enjoy and admire. A great favorite with the writer	.55	1.60	10.50
UNCLE TOM. 22 in. Huge flower of warm deep maroon. Extra double and fine shaped flowers	.85	2.60	18.00

# Double Picotee

### COLLECTION OF DOUBLE GIANT TULIPS

Ozon

ALLEGRO. Red, white edge. AVONDZON. Deep orange. NIZZA. Yellow, red stripes. MT. TACOMA. White. SYMPHONIA. Red. UNCLE TOM. Deep maroon.

3 each of 6 varieties (18 bulbs, labeled) .....\$ 3.65

6 each of 6 varieties ( 36 bulbs, labeled) ..... 6.50

12 each of 6 varieties ( 72 bulbs, labeled) ..... 11.50

25 each of 6 varieties (150 bulbs, labeled) ..... 21.00

Symphonia

Cloth of Gold



Solid Mahogany

# America's Favorite

100 Iris were chosen as the top favorites by the American Iris Society as a result of the 14th Symposium in 1953. Top favorites are marked with a star on these two pages.

Listed this year you will find many old and new favorites and OUTSTANDING NEW BEARDED IRIS, every one a beauty.

Our severe Michigan climate will not tolerate any weak varieties and the Iris listed here are guaranteed hardy and will give you 100% satisfaction.

### SHIPMENT BEGINS AUGUST 15th

### 5 GARDEN IRIS COLLECTION

1 each, labeled, as pictured.

Blue Rhythm Hall's Flamingo Pink
Cloth of Gold Solid Mahogany
Plus Heroique, the largest pure white.

This \$8.50 Value for Only \$4.95

*BLUE RHYTHM. Huge, well formed flowers of cornflower-blue. Won 2nd place among the 100 top favorites in	Each	Per 3
1953. An outstanding beauty. It has no equal in color and performance and once seen, is never forgotten\$	\$1.25	\$ 3.00
*BLUE SHIMMER. The large flowers of clear white have a blue edging, resembling finest porcelain	1.00	2.75
*CHANTILLY. Orchid pink with lace- like edge on both standards and falls. Appropriately named after the famous beautiful Chantilly lace. The blossoms have unusually heavy substance	1.50	4.00
*CHERIE. Described as "Queen of the Pinks". It received the highest award an Iris can have. Grows high and erect and multiplies rapidly. A clump of Cherie is an unforgettable sight, not only for its rare beauty in color but also for its truly regal bearing	5.00	13.50
*CLOTH OF GOLD. If you want the most glowing golden yellow, which produces an abundance of flowers, we recommend this lovely Iris. Together with Solid Mahogany this rich color makes a breath taking arrangement, and by itself it can only be described as the best golden yellow we have seen.	1.25	3.00
DAZZELIER. The flowers, which have the same brilliant yellow and orange color of Ola Kala, are about one-third larger than this great Iris. Often attains a height of 44 inches. Exceptional in beauty and strength	5.00	
*GRAND CANYON. A blending of plum, copper and gold with a unique sheen, of silky appearance and very different	.75	2.00
*GREAT LAKES. A clear blue self, that will always remain a favorite, no matter how many times you have grown it, you will always want it again.	.75	2.00

# GARDEN IRIS

THE LITTERS		
HALL'S FLAMINGO PINK. One of the finest in the NEW PINK IRIS	Each	Per 3
TYPES. Very large flowers and an impressive performer	\$1.25	\$3.25
HEROIQUE. The largest white Iris we have ever grown. Not only does it produce an abundance of bloom so well spaced on sturdy stalks that each flower is displayed at its best advantage, it also withstands wind and rain exceptionally well. To see Heroique is always to want it	. 2.00	5.50
JAKE. A tall, stately, fragrant white, worth much more than its present low price	.75	2.00
*LADY MOHR. Oyster-shell-white standards and chartreuse falls. A deli- cate and pleasing color combination. 3rd place among the top 100 Iris of 1953	1.00	2.75
*MELODY LANE. A really new color. The large flowers are of a glistening golden buff-apricot, slightly ruffled, enhanced by a deep tangerine beard		10.00
*MINNIE COLQUITT. A lovely, massive pure white plicata with a broad purple border on standards and falls. Winner of two awards		3.00
MULBERRY ROSE. Big, bright purplerose flowers, a truly grand Iris. Tall and abundant in flowering	.75	2.00
*PRAIRIE SUNSET. Sensational blend of warm tones from apricot, peach to rose, the glowing colors of the setting sun		2.75
ORLOFF. Rich cinnamon-brown plicata of fine form and quality	.75	2.00
RAINBOW ROOM. As colorful as the name. Light buff ground color, shaded with apricot-buff. There is a rich blue haze on the falls under the golden beard. The flower fairly glows, appearing to be lighted from within	3.00	8.00
RED VALOR. Superb, gleaming red with extra heavy substance. Brown beard. A rich, colorful and imposing beauty	.75	2.00
ROCKET. Deep yellow standards and orange-chrome falls, broad petaled and of good substance	1,50	4.00
ROYAL COACH. Yellow plicata with definite brown stitching. Very well formed flowers. Tall and stately	.75	2.00
*SABLE. A rich velvety black purple, it stands out in any Iris show because of its extraordinary lustrous sheen	.75	2.00
*SOLID MAHOGANY. Glowing, deep reddish brown. Its beauty defies all descriptions	1.25	3.00
*TIFFANY. Yellow plicata, stitched rosy pink. Very appealing color *WABASH. Snowy white standards con-	.75	2.00
trasted by rich deep purple falls with fine white border	.75	2.00



Hall's Flamingo Pink



# Narcissus or

ARTISTE. (Short-cupped.) Light yellow perianth. Short, flaring cup of golden yellow, edged with a narrow orange border. The thing one notices at once it its artistic balance and proportions along with unusual substance and quality

.60 2.00 13.50

BEERSHEBA. (Trumpet.) Perianth and trumpet of magnificent proportions. Sturdy foliage and stem. Height 20 to 22 inches. The color is pure white. Those who are forming collections of the finest Narcissi rate Beersheba at the top of the large white trumpets. Received an Award of Merit and a First Class Certificate. ME.

3.10 21.00

BLUSH QUEEN. (Short-cupped.)
White perianth, small frilled orange-pink cup, fragrant ......

2.00 14.00

BRIDESMAID. (Long-cupped.)
Pure white, large perianth with
a very large, fully ruffled cup,
disk-like and delicately shaded
cream, edged soft apricot. A flower of appealing beauty. M. . . . 1.00 3.25



Flora Tristan

> Per 3 Doz. 100

### Cheerfulness



CARLTON. (Long-cupped.) A handsome variety that is destined to become very popular when widely known.
Broad, overlapping perianth, with a large expanded cup frilled at the brim, the entire flower of a uniform soft yellow. A magnificent plant of great vigor, very free blooming, early and of long lasting qualities. Excellent for exhibition. This variety received an Award of Merit. E...\$0.55 \$1.80 \$12.50

CHEERFULNESS. (Double Poetaz.) A double form of the famous cluster-flowering Daffodil, creamy white in color. Splendid for garden; late blooming and very fragrant. Received an Award of Merit. Frequently called the "Gardenia" Daffodil. L. 1.80

Mrs. R. O. Backhouse

3.25 22.50

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Daffodils	DICK WELLBAND. (Short-cupped.) An exhibition variety of great excellence. This variety stands out even in the largest collection of Daffodils. The perianth is pure white and the cup a brilliant flamerorange. The startling con-	100
	trast between the petals and the cup makes this variety a great beauty. The color does not fade, but rather intensifies with age, and the flower has unusual lasting qualities. Highly recommended.  M	13.50
	DOUBLE JONQUIL. The true old-fashioned, double, sweet Jonquil with little heads of double, rich yellow flowers, very fragrant and most attractive also for cutting	13.00
	FEU ARDENTE. (Short-cupped.) Latest novelty. Sulphur-yellow perianth of moderate size with flat, frilled disk of deep orange-red measuring 1½ inches. Blossoms carried on strong, stiff stems.  M	16.00
	FIREGLOW. (Short-cupped.) Golden yellow perianth formed by broad overlapping petals with a short ruflled cupedged orange-red changing to orange at the throat. Prolific bloomer. M60 2.00 1	13.50
General MacArthur		
FLORA TRISTAN. (Short-cupped.) Symmetrical perianth of deep yellow, medium size, with very wide open disk-like cup of deep orange-yellow having a dark orange frilled edge. M \$0.70 \$2.25 \$1  FRANZ LISZT. (Short-cupped.) One of the most graciously formed and finest proportioned varieties, with white perianth turning to yellow at the base and a yellow trumpet with narrow	5.00	
Luna	Beersheba	
	Per 3 Doz.  GENERAL MacARTHUR. (Trumpet.) In our judgment the largest and finest golden yellow Daffodil of enormous size and good form, which leaves nothing to be desired. Late flowering, blooms after all the other trumpets are through. One of the largest flowers in existence. L	30.00
	GERANIUM. (Poetaz.) A most outstanding variety of the bunch-flowering types. Pure white perianth with small, clear orange cup, producing a minimum of 4 blossoms per stem. Heavy, Gardenia like perfume. L 70 2.30 1	16.50
	GOLDEN SCEPTER. (Short-cupped.) More gracefully proportioned than the giant trumpets, medium sized, perfectly built flower of deep jonquil-yellow. Three or more inches in diameter star-shaped perianth, slightly lighter than the trumpet which is slightly rolled and flared at the edge. Long lasting. Received Award of Merit and First Class Certificate. M	10.50

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JOHN DIX. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth with a small, dark orange crown about the size of a quarter, which is very finely frilled. Very late, similar to La Riante, which is an earlier variety. Sweet fragrance. L.

Selma Lageroff

NARCISSUS OR DAFFODILS - Continued 



New Yellow Cheerfulness
KING ALFRED. (Yellow Trumpet.) Received a First Class Certificate. An old favorite and still very good. The finest early giant all golden Narcissus. E
beautiful, lemon yellow flowers on each stem.  Very fragrant. ML
MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. (Long-cupped.) This is the famous "PINK DAFFODIL." Fine, informal perianth of ivory-white, elegantly proportioned, slim, long trumpet of apricot-pink changing to shell-pink at the deeply fringed edge. Delicately beautiful but of exceptional substance. Long lasting. Belongs in every collection. L
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16,50

13.50

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2.00

### NARCISSUS OR DAFFODILS - Continued

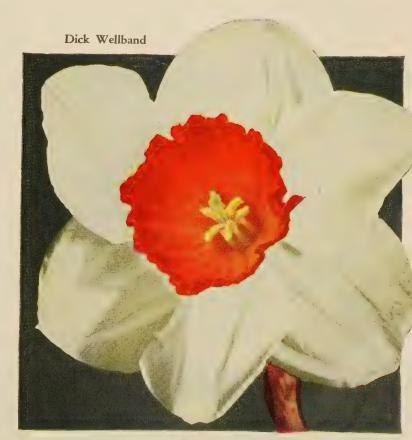
maki COPELAND. (Double.) An excellent novelty of the new, semi-double type, and termed the most striking new double. The longer petals are pure creamy white with a golden ray down the center, interspersed with shorter netals of lemon and brilliant crayers giving 2.1.1.		Doz.	100
Received a First Class Certificate. Very sweetly fragant. L.\$	50.70	\$2.25	\$16.00
MARY HOLLIS. (Short-cupped.) Small perianth, beautifully formed, of cream overlaid with lemon-yellow, golden at the tips and center, All orange frilled cup of medium size. Mildly fragrant. ME.	.60	2.00	14.00
MONIQUE. (Short-cupped.) Cream white perianth with over- lapping petals of perfect form. Yellow cup with a clearly defined edge of orange. A very nice variety. M	.60	2.00	14.00
MONTGOMERY. (Short-cupped.) Medium yellow perianth with a bold cup of clear orange-red extending the full length of the cup. Tall grower and fragrant. M	.60	1.95	13.50
MOZART. (Short cupped.) Latest novelty with nice, over- lapping perianth of cream-yellow having a disk-like cup of uniformly deep scarlet and conspicuous stamens of deep yellow. An excellent new introduction. M	.60	2.00	14.00



Ola Leavit

Geranium			
RICHARD WAGNER. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth of fine form, with flat, golden yellow cup having a narrow orange, frilled edge. The perfection of this variety is in its	er 3	Doz.	100
finest form for which hybridizers have been aiming. L\$0	0.70	\$2.25	\$16.00
ROBINHOOD. (Trumpet.) A large flower, which blooms medium early. Golden yellow perianth of good form and trumpet of orange yellow, producing an interesting color contrast. ME.	.70	2.35	17.00
SATURNUS. (Short cupped.) Large, pure white perianth and an unusually beautiful, deeply frilled, deep orange cup, producing a glorious and striking effect against the white background. Strong flower and unquestionably one of the finest. M.	.60	2.00	14.00
SELMA LAGERLOF. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth, symmetrical, with a large flat cup broadly edged orange, which changes to salmon with age. Prolific bloomer. ME	.60	2.00	14.00

OLA LEAVIT. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth with yellow cup edged orange-red. Not particularly striking at first sight but increasing in beauty	Per 3	Doz.	100
as it ages. Delicately fragrant. M.	30.65	\$2.15	\$15.00
RED GUAND. (Poetax.) Another winner of an Award of Merit. Perianth of deepest golden yellow overlaid with salmon and a cup of fiery red, making a beautiful and unusual color combination. Heavy spicy odor. ML.	.75	2.35	16.50
REINE BLANCHE. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth, which is large and well proportioned. Finely ruffled and flaring cup which opens canary yellow and changes to cream with a peach overcast. Delicate spicy fragrance. ME.	.70	2.25	16.00
REMBRANDT. (Trumpet.) The best all yellow early trumpet. Extra large and of fine form. E.		0.00	





Thalia

**NARCISSUS** OR **DAFFODILS** 

Continued

THALIA (Triandrus). In addition to a peculiar attraction, at first sight this flower leaves one with an impression of a whiteness that is not purely white. The recurving petals and the angle of three trumpets are unlike the conventional short cupped Daffodils. The stem is dark green, round and reedlike thin. Called the "Orchid-Flower" Narcissus. L. .90

TUNIS. (Long-cupped.) An outstanding variety of this type, having broad white perianth, with large, bold ivory cup, the brim of which is handsomely flanged and serrated, retaining a remarkable flush of pale coppery gold at the edge. An early bloomer, recommended. Mild, sweet fragrance. E. ...........................80

3.00 21.00

2.60 19.50

### NOVELTY COLLECTION OF NARCISSI

Insulinde

140 AFFIL COFFECT	IOIT OF TAXABLE
Artiste	Mozart
Beersheba	Rembrandt
Insulinde	Reine Blanche
Mary Hollis	Yellow Cheerfulness
3 EACH of 8 varieties ( 24 bulbs,	labeled)\$ 5.50
6 EACH of 8 varieties (48 bulbs,	
12 EACH of 8 varieties ( 96 bulbs,	
25 EACH of 8 varieties (200 bulbs,	labeled) 35.00

### Exhibition Collection of Narcissi

Cheerfulness	King Alfred
Fireglow	Mrs. R. O. Backhouse
Hans Van Meegeren	Monique
John Dix	Montgomery
3 EACH of 8 varieties (24 bulbs, 6 EACH of 8 varieties (48 bulbs, 12 EACH of 8 varieties (96 bulbs, 25 EACH of 8 varieties (200 bulbs,	labeled) 16.00

Mrs. Wm. Copeland (See page 25)







Harry



L'Argentine

### Newest Narcissi

These latest novelties in Narcissi have been tried and tested by us and found superior in every respect. All of them are outstanding in beauty and growing performance. Available only in limited quantities. FRA ANGELICO. (Short-cupped.) Perianth is light yellow, well formed and overlapping. The flaring and ruffled cup is at least 2 inches across, flame-red, the color extending clear down to the orange throat. Well recommended ......\$0.90 \$3.00

HARRY. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth of outstanding proportions. The orange cup is very ruffled, especially at the edges. This is a very fine variety with spicy fragrance .... 3.00

4.75

MRS. WM. COPELAND. (Double.) Very large and pure white perianth. The cup segments are of a creamy tint which fades into white. A splendid flower and good increaser. Fragrant 3.00

### COLLECTION OF NEWEST NARCISSI

9	bulbs,	1 eacl	of !	9 (unlabele	d)	 	 	 	.\$	3.35
27	bulbs,	3 each	of 9	(labeled) .		 	 	 		9.50
54	bulbs.	6 each	of 9	(labeled) .		 	 	 		17.75

### GOLDEN CASTLE

(Double Trumpet)

A beautiful, all golden yellow Double Trumpet, which is as double as a Rosebud, and enhanced besides by many shorter, odd sized petals, some of them in the shape of tiny Chinese umbrellas. The fullness of the delightfully fragrant flower, together with its lovely color of pure gold, make us proud to offer it to you. Our customers who ordered Golden Castle last year, have written us many enthused letters and acknowledged the fact that this flower performd beyond expectation. The illustration is not quite doing justice to the original, as it does not show the long definite trumpet shape in favor of showing the inside of the ruffled center. Each \$1.75; \$5.00 per 3; \$17.50 per doz.





# Daffodils FOR NATURALIZING

Suitable for Garden Display, Woodland Planting or Cutting

Practically any soil has been found suitable, and they are grown equally well in the open air as among trees and in woodland. Contains a mixture of large Trumpets, Short-Cupped, and Poeticus types, a mixture that cannot be equalled for value and worth much more than we charge for them. Plant at least 8 inches deep, but avoid places where water may collect at any time, as they like drainage.

Try to plant before October 15th, or shortly thereafter, and place your order early, as the demand is increasing for these bulbs at this special low price which we have adopted. We cannot take orders for less than 50 bulbs. All blooming size bulbs.

50 bulbs .....\$3.75 250 bulbs ....\$16.90 1000 bulbs ....\$65.00

# NELIS SUPER QUALITY DAFFODIL MIXTURE

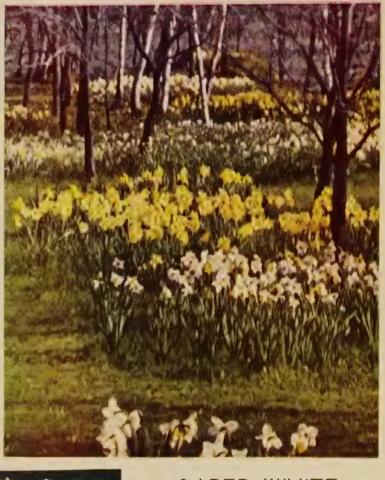
To those of you who are interested in immediate results in a much better than average mixture, we are pleased to offer our Nelis Super-Quality Daffodil Mixture of super-quality bulbs. One of the most outstanding hybridizers of Daffodils is constantly supplying us with their entire crop of new hybrids, to which we have added the best of Yellow Trumpet and other high quality, standard named varieties. The result is an insurpassable mixture of

the widest possible range of color and blooming. Ideal for naturalizing where quality is desired and names are immaterial. All large, mature bulbs, which will give you a wealth of blooms at once, many producing as many as two or three flowers per bulb the first year after planting.

25 bulbs .....\$3.50 100 bulbs ....\$12.00 50 bulbs .... 6.50 250 bulbs .... 29.00







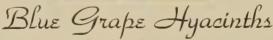
# PAPER WHITE DAFFODILS

Imported From France

The French grown Paper-Whites are of first rate quality and ideal for indoor planting in pots, sand, gravel or fiber. Plant different lots every two weeks from October 1st to March 1st, and these bulbs will give you an abundance of beautiful fragrant flowers during the winter months. Not suitable for outdoor planting, except south of the Carolinas. We offer only Jumbo size, or exhibition size bulbs.

Per doz. \$1.75 Per 100 \$12.50

Muscari Azureum Album



for Naturalizing
HEAVENLY BLUE. Blooming size bulbs. Height about 10 inches. These bulbs are ideal for bordering, especially effective in combination with Daffodils.

### MUSCARI (Grape Hyacinth)

Top size bulbs. Ideal for naturalizing and cut flowers. Heavenly Blue. 65c per doz.; \$4.50 per 100.

Azureum Album. White, new improved variety, much larger than old type, in fact as large as the Heavenly Blue Muscari. 85c per doz.; \$6.50 per 100.





# Gorgeous COLCHICUMS

Sensational Wonder Bulb

The only bulbs that will bloom indoors without soil, without water, without care

Place it, just as it is, on the mantel, window ledge or table and with no further attention on your part, it will reward you with its exquisitely lovely blooms. Use these bulbs for gifts. The usefulness of the bulbs does not end after the blossoms fade. Plant them outdoors in the fall and in the spring luxuriant green foliage appears. When the foliage has died down, dig up the bulbs and the blooming will be repeated indoors.

### **NEW GIANT FLOWERING COLCHICUMS**

AUTUMNALE MAJOR. Lavender. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.00 per doz.

AUTUMN QUEEN. Dark lilac, exceptionally nice. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$5.00 per doz.



Sternbergia

LILAC WONDER. Clear mauve, very prolific. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$5.00 per doz.

VIOLET QUEEN. A majestic lilacviolet. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; \$5.00 per doz.

### COLLECTION OF COLCHICUMS

4 bulbs (unlabeled) ..... \$1.75

bulb collection, 3 each of \$4.85

bulb collection, 6 each of \$8.75

Shipment of All Items on This Page Starts in August

Lycoris

### STERNBERGIA LUTEA

(Golden Yellow Autumn Flower)

We have been fortunate in obtaining a shipment from Turkey, where the Sternbergias are native, and we are now able to offer you these scarce flowers. The bulbs develop their foliage shortly before blooming, adding to the beauty of the richly textured yellow flowers which come forth around mid-September and reach a height of 6 to 8 inches. They are perfectly hardy and may be used for potting indoors also. Plant in

potting indoors also. Plant in late summer.

6 for \$1.35

12 for \$2.50

25 for \$4.65

Lycoris

Squamigera

(Hardy Amaryllis Halli)

Produces attractive green foliage which grows from early spring until July, when it ripens and disappears. About a month later, as if by magic, the flower stalk springs from the ground to a height of 2 to 3 feet, developing an umbel of large Lily-shaped flowers, 8 to 12 in number, of a delicate lilac-pink shade. The bulb is perfectly hardy. In planting, cover crown about 4 inches with soil.

75c each

3 for \$2.00

\$6.75 per doz.





HARDY ANEMONE

Blanda Atrocoerulea

Height 3 inches

Rich violetblue flowers appear in large quantity in early spring, just after the Snowdrops have bloomed. The flowers are carried in rich abundance above fern-like foliage. Perfectly hardy and willing to bloom well in light shade, they make a wonderful show under

shrubs, in rock gardens or in naturalized masses under trees. Always plant in clumps (preferably of a dozen bulbs) for best effect. Set 3 inches deep and 2 inches apart.

Per doz. \$1.00; per 100 \$7.50

### New LEUCOJUM VERNUM

(Giant Snowdrops)

An early and most attractive spring flower, bearing nodding flowers of white tipped with green and grows around ten to twelve inches high. They should be planted in early fall in good, well-drained soil, 4 inches deep. Especially effective if planted in clumps, 4 to 5 inches apart. After they become well established they bloom more beautifully each year.

Per doz. \$1.85 Per 100 \$13.50

### NEW IXIOLIRION PALLASI

Lovely flowers of deep blue or violet, popularly call "Siberian Bluebell." Flowers in the spring and bulbs are hardy.

Per doz. 95c Per 100 \$7.00

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Leucojum Vernum

### **OXALIS ADENOPHYLLA**

6 to 8 in. Soft lilac-pink flowers carried on very handsome blue-green foliage. Oxalis blooms abundantly and likes to be planted in full sun. Plant 3 inches deep and 4 to 5 inches apart in the fall. Give light protection during the winter.

\$1.60 per doz. \$2.75 per 25 \$10.50 per 100

Oxalis Adenophylla





Scilla Campanulata

### NEW

### GIANT SCILLA CAMPANULATA

These graceful new Scillas far surpass the old types. Ideal for cut flowers with their long stems, as well as for naturalizing. Thrive in full sun, partial shade or full shade. Bloom together with the late Tulips, when all other Hyacinth-types are through blooming.

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Heavenly Blue. Blue	.\$0.85	\$6.50
Rhineland. Rose-pink	85	6.50
White Triumphator. White.	85	6.50
Mixed. All colors	80	6.00
Rhineland. Rose pink White Triumphator. White.	85	6.50 6.50

### **CHIONODOXA**

(Glory-of-the-Snow)

These lovely, earliest of spring flowers of deep blue with a white center, attain a height of 7 inches and produce spikes bear-

ing 10 to 15 Scilla-like flowers. Perfectly hardy. Plant close together for best effect.

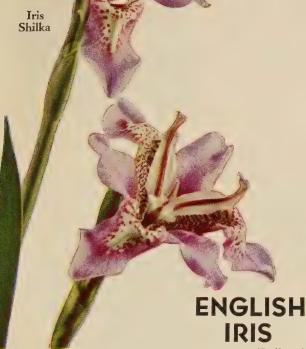
Per doz. 50c Per 100 \$3.50

Chionodoxa



### IRIS SHILKA (Vesper Iris)

The graceful filigree of the branches of these Vesper Iris is studded with from one to two hundred jewel-like flowers, truly a mammoth bouquet. The delicately colored blossoms, which at a distance resemble a multitude of gorgeous butterflies at rest with motionless outstretched wings, vary in color, including such hues as translucent lavender with markings of mahogany, lemon, copper and orange brown. The Shilka Iris, which are exceedingly easy to grow, bloom for a month during July and August when flowers are scarce. Vesper Iris resist both severe cold and intense heat with impunity. Be the first in your locality to grow this unique Iris. \$1.95 per 5; \$3.50 per 10.



(Bulbous)

This magnificent mixture of bulbous English Iris has been developed at our nurseries, and contains all the choicest varieties which can possibly be had in these fine Iris. The English Iris are a bulbous Iris which bloom in our latitude about the early part of July, and come after all other bulbous Iris. They should be planted as soon after receiving them as possible for best results. They prefer the more moist and heavier soils, and should have good drainage. The blooms of the English Iris are considered to be the finest of any in the Iris class, and each individual bloom is strikingly beautiful and as cut flowers they are unsurpassed. We are offering them in a fine mixture of colors. \$1.65 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100.



Dutch Iris, Lemon Queen

### DUTCH IRIS (Bulbous)

A new and early flowering race coming into bloom just after the Tulips are gone. The flowers are large, resembling Orchids, and are distinctive and brilliant in color. Flowers of heavy texture and when cut have wonderful keeping qualities. Bulbs should be planted in the fall, 5 inches deep, in well drained soil, with a light protection after freezing weather sets in. Offered at new low prices. 100

SAX BLUE. Rich dark blue with a distinctive yellow blotch, very large. 28 in. .........\$1.00 **LEMON QUEEN.** 28 in. New lovely pure \$7.00 lemon-yellow ..... 1.10 7.50 WHITE EXCELISOR. 22 in. Uniform pure white falls, very broad, of good form and 7.50



### IRIS RETICULATA

(Bulbous)

This lovely species is one of the treasures of the garden or rock garden. It can be described as a small form of the Dutch Iris, or Spanish Iris. Its main value lies in the fact that it can be forced into bloom in the house with the greatest ease. Six or eight bulbs put into a 4. to 5-inch pot when received will bloom about Christmas The fragrant blooms remind one of a bunch of fresh Violets. Perfectly hardy with reasonable protection. It is one of the loveliest early flowering bulbs for the rockery. \$1.00 per doz.; \$7.25 per 100.





### SCILLA SIBIRICA

SPRING BEAUTY

Blue. 4 in. Dainty little blue flowers, invaluable for edging borders, or massed in flower beds. Hardy and very satisfactory.

> 85c per doz. \$6.50 per 100



Lilium Candidum

# Autumn Flowering Iris - Flowers in Spring and Fall

Profuse blooming in spring, and with the proper care, another flower crop in the fall. While best results are obtained with these Iris below the Mason-Dixon line, with a little care we have had excellent results with fall bloomers even here in Michigan.

BLACK MAGIC. 26 in. Fine, profuse fall bloomer. Deep violet-blue with rich velvety luster and black sheen .... .45 4.50

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### Autumn Flowering Iris Collection

1 each of 6 ( 6 plants, unlabeled) ......\$ 2.35 **3** each of 6 (18 plants, labeled) ......... **6.25** 6 each of 6 (36 plants, labeled) .......... 11.75



# Aristocratic Hardy GARDEN LILIES

### LILIUM CANDIDUM

(Madonna Lily)

Also known by many as "June Lilies". It is the earliest outdoor garden Lily. You have often admired it with its rich perfume and snow-white flowers, 3 to 15 on a stem. It is very hardy and will thrive in any light garden soil, with plenty of light and air.

T 4 4	Each	3	Doz.
Large bulbs	\$0.60	\$1.50	\$5.00
Medium bulbs	45	1.20	4.00

### LILIUM HENRYI

A vigorous Lily, reaching a maximum height of 6 feet. Flowers of deep orange-yellow, averaging 20 blossoms per plant. Easy growing in either heavy or light soils. 3 for \$1.35; per doz., \$4.50.



Lilium Tenuifolium

### LILIUM RUBRUM

Rich ruby carmine on white, stout of substance and broad petals. This variety stands out prominently because of its vigorous growth, as well as its size and depth of coloring. \$1.75 for 3; per doz., \$6.75.

### **REGAL LILIES**

Regals give your garden a final touch of beauty. A wonderful new and hardy Lily, native of Northern China, and very easily grown. The flowers are ivory white, trumpet shaped with soft yellow throat. Grows 4 to 5 feet tall. Very fragrant. Blooms in July. This Lily will give increased beauty for many years without transplanting.

 Special Low Price for Fall Planting
 3
 Doz.

 Large bulbs
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 Medium bulbs
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### SPECIAL OFFER

### THE NEW CLIMBING LILY - GLORIOSA ROTHSCHILDIANA

Graceful red and yellow flowers, turning to deep scarlet when flower matures. A splendid low climber. The long tuber, resembling a Dahlia tuber, can easily be grown in the garden or in 10-inch pots indoors. For outdoor planting shipment must be made by July 1st. For indoor planting shipment can be made all year. Full instructions sent with each order.

Each \$1.25 \$3.50 per 3



Lilium Henryi

### LILIUM ORANGE TRIUMPH

A startling new introduction of really brilliant orange, a crossing of Lilium Umbellatum and Lilium Croceum. It has created a remarkable enthusiasm in the Netherlands. Height 3½ feet, with erect flowers. This is an outstanding Lily and a remarkably brilliant color. 3 for \$1.25; per doz., \$4.50.

### LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM, Red

A dainty Lily with slender stems and glossy foliage, blooming in June or July, producing numerous showy scarlet flowers with reflexing petals. Prefers a sunny location, and well drained soil. 3 for 90c; per doz., \$3.00.

Lilium Rubrum





### SPRING BLOOMING DUTCH CROCUS

A new strain of Giant-Flowering Crocus. One of the first to bloom after the snow has disappeared. Very desirable effect is made by planting in groups on the lawn. Special large size bulbs measuring 1 inch in diameter.

### **DUTCH CROCUS COLLECTION**

12 EACH of 3 colors, 36 bulbs labeled (White, Yellow, Purple)	\$2.25
25 EACH of 3 colors, 75 bulbs labeled (White, Yellow, Purple)	
100 EACH of 3 colors, 300 bulbs labeled (White, Yellow, Purple)	

### **DUTCH CROCUS COLLECTION**

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MIXED CROCUS — All Colors 50 for \$2.75 100 for \$5.00

# Dutch Hyacinths

We are offering these lovely, early spring flowering Hyacinth bulbs in a wide range of colors. These fragrant flowers are perfect for beds or borders.

EXHIBITION SIZE BULBS
Red Rose White Yellow Light Blue Dark Blue

Your Selection of Colors—Exhibition Size \$3.00 per doz. \$22.50 per 100

Mixed Hyacinths—Bedding Size \$2.35 per doz. \$16.50 per 100

### HYACINTH COLLECTION

3	each of 6 colors ( 18 bulbs labeled)	\$4.75
6	each of 6 colors ( 36 bulbs labeled)	9.25
12	each of 6 colors ( 72 bulbs labeled)	17.50
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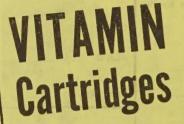
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